



**United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

# South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 21, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches to 3.7 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

## Crops

Scattered showers across most of the state throughout the week helped replenish soil moisture levels as conditions had become very dry in some areas. Concerns grew over the possibility of intensified disease pressure due to the rain and increased humidity. Corn emergence neared completion and was reported to be improving in appearance in the Pee Dee region. Tobacco transplanting neared completion as tomato spotted wilt virus was reported in some areas in the Pee Dee region. Soybean fields continued to be planted as weather conditions permitted and began to emerge. The strawberry and blueberry crops were reported to be looking good, with good quality, size, and quantity.

## Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures continued to be in relatively good condition around the state.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/21/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged .....	99	92	98	99
Cotton - Planted.....	63	25	53	61
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	64	55	67	56
Peaches - Harvested .....	7	3	7	4
Peanuts - Planted .....	66	40	64	67
Soybeans - Planted .....	38	20	33	34
Soybeans - Emerged .....	10	2	9	18
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	94	85	96	95

(NA) Not available.

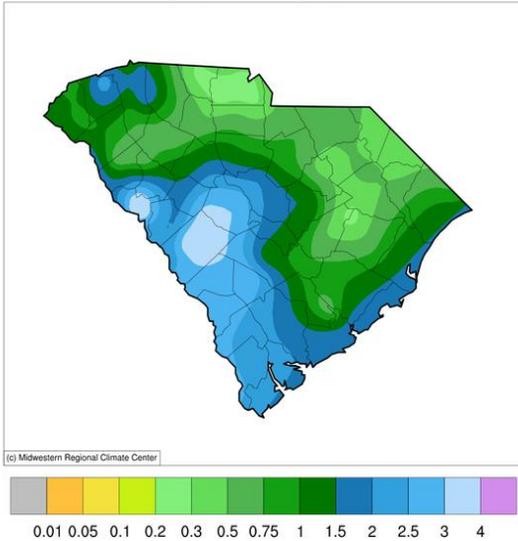
## Conditions for Week Ending 05/21/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	8	83	7
Corn .....	0	2	25	61	12
Pasture and range .....	1	7	15	66	11
Peaches .....	2	13	44	41	0
Tobacco.....	1	2	19	64	14
Winter wheat.....	0	1	24	68	7

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/21/23

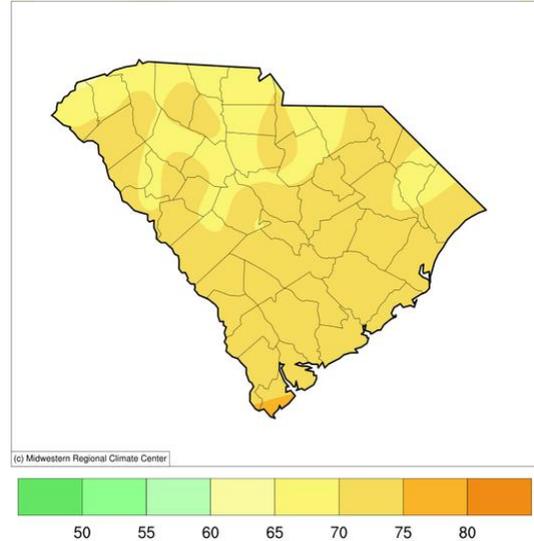
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	9	1
Short.....	25	13
Adequate.....	61	79
Surplus .....	5	7
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	0
Short.....	20	11
Adequate.....	72	82
Surplus .....	5	7

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 15, 2023 to May 21, 2023



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 15, 2023 to May 21, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**May 16, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, May 18, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.08	22.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 05-09-2023	88.05	11.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-14-2023	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-17-2022	39.53	60.47	28.62	4.30	0.00	0.00

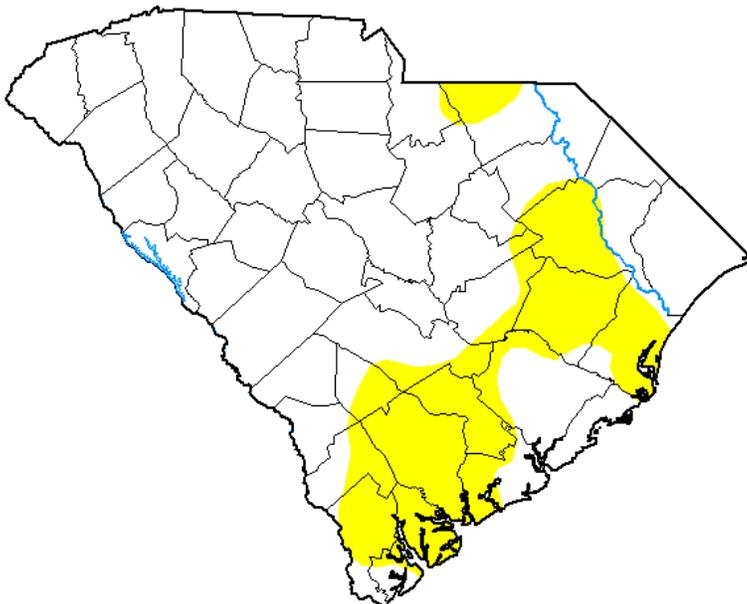
**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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